

**Iowa Department of Natural Resources
Natural Resource Commission**

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DECISION

TOPIC Federal Excess Property Program (FEPP) Agreement with Prairie Rivers
RC&D

The Commission is asked to approve a \$46,000 contract between the Prairie Rivers RC&D and the Iowa DNR. All funds utilized in this contract are from the U.S. Forest Service (USFS). Approval of this agreement is necessary for the Forestry Bureau to receive the FEPP funds to complete the proposed project.

The Iowa DNR Forestry Bureau Fire Program is closely coordinated with the USFS Fire Program. Through a cooperative agreement with the USFS, Iowa DNR Forestry is able to acquire federal excess property (vehicles, generators, tools, etc.) from national locations and distribute this property to Iowa's volunteer fire departments (VFDs). Since 2000, the Forestry Bureau has acquired and distributed 2,864 federal items with an estimated value of \$7,260,298. The total recorded value of items distributed in Iowa through this program is \$17,885,469. The Forestry Bureau has been delivering the Federal Excess Property Program (FEPP) since 1949.

The Iowa DNR Forestry Bureau continues to expand its fire program. The IDNR Fire Program annually awards close to 100 Volunteer Fire Assistance (VFA) grants for almost \$218,000 to Iowa volunteer fire departments. The Fire Program also provides wildland and prescribed fire fighting training Iowa's natural resource community and VFDs.

To take advantage of expanding USFS Fire Program opportunities the IDNR Forestry Bureau has needed to develop partnerships with other agencies to ensure FEPP program delivery. The agreement between the Department and the Prairie Rivers RC&D is to ensure continued delivery of the Federal Excess Property Program.

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